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FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drinking water facilities, toilets for women teachers and girl students especially are in deplorable condition in Government schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise:

(c) the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has sought a status report in this regard from various States including Delhi;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof;

(f) the steps taken to provide clean and healthy toilets for women and girls in schools; and (g) the details of allocation made to each State/ Union Territory including Uttar Pradesh for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (g) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of State Governments. So far as schools under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, i.e. Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Central Tibetan Schools, are concerned, adequate facilities have been provided for safe drinking water & separate toilets for girl students and women teachers. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) being implemented at the elementary level, also provides for financial assistance to States for civil works, which include drinking water and toilet facilities. Convergence with the Drinking Water Mission and the Total Sanitation Programme to cover schools has also been undertaken. On receipt of a complaint regarding lack of clean toilet facilities in Govt. and MCD schools in Delhi, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has called for a report from Delhi Government in the matter & has asked them to take adequate measures for providing clean and healthy atmosphere in schools for students and teachers.